

## II. General Meeting of the Society

The meeting was called to order by President-General Agnes B. DeForest at 3:00 P.M. in the "Long Room" of Independence Hall.

The Reverend Canon Harold Sedgwick gave the prayer of the Society.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary-General Wood and were approved as read.

Registrar-General Kalbfleisch proposed for membership 12 Seniors and 3 Juniors. They were all unanimously elected. There were also 6 deaths and 1 Life Member bringing the total membership to 627 Seniors and 267 Juniors.

The Treasurer-General report was given by Mrs. Kalbfleisch and showed an excess in revenue of \$2,276.29 over expenditures for the fiscal year resulting in a net worth of \$29,841.37 as of April 30, 1975.

Retiring President-General DeForest reported on her enjoyable trip to Washington as a guest of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She also expressed her appreciation for the support of the membership during her term as President-General which she greatly enjoyed.

Mr. Goodsell reported that efforts were still being made to secure Anderson House for the Bicentennial dinner but failing that he listed other places under consideration.

The membership was reminded of the fall meeting at Lexington-Concord by a cordial invitation of Second Vice President-General Brinker.

Mrs. William Lynch, Governor for Delaware, reported that an organizational meeting for a state society drew 11 members and that the prospects are good for the establishment of a Delaware Society.

Governor for Massachusetts, Mrs. Walker, told of a request for a contribution for the preservation of the U.S.S. Constitution, "Old Ironsides". No action was taken on this proposal.

Governor of Connecticut, Mrs. Ely, recommended that the remaining brochures about the plaque be signed by the Artist and Officers of the Descendants so they may be sold or used in another manner for the good of the Society.

Mrs. Bielenstein, Governor of New York, reported that Mrs. John Kean has had reproduced on slides, portraits painted by Michael Werboff of each Signer at the age he was when he signed.

Upon the motion of Mrs. Kalbfleisch and Mr. Goodsell it was resolved that outgoing President-General DeForest be formally thanked by the Society and be made an Honorary President-General for life. The resolution was passed by a standing ovation.

The report of the nominating committee was presented by First Vice President Pyne as follows:

President-General	Frederick Wallace Pyne
First Vice President-General	William Floyd Haneman
Second Vice President-General	Mrs. Craig McDonald Coley
Chaplain-General	The Rev. Canon Harold B. Sedgwick
Registrar-General	Mrs. William G. Kalbfleisch
Assistant Registrar-General	Mrs. Robert McL. Hawkridge
Historian-General	Mrs. Morrison W. Brinker
Treasurer-General	James Paul Hopkinson
Secretary-General	Mrs. William S. Wood, II
Assistant Secretary-General	Mrs. Joseph B. Hauck
Chancellor-General	Edward Ridley Finch, Jr.

Upon motion of Mr. Axford they were elected unanimously.

Upon motion of Secretary-General Wood, which was passed, the Nominating Committee for 1976 will consist of Past President-General DeForest, William Ward and Canon Sedgwick.

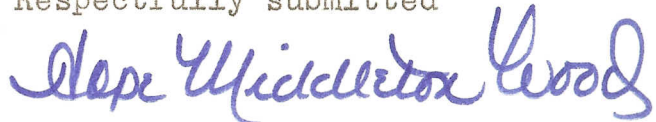
Following his election President-General elect Pyne pledged himself to truly support the ideals of the Society.

After much discussion it was determined that the Governors and Members at Large shall be appointed at a closed meeting of the Board of Governors to be held after the Annual Congress.

Honorary President-General Goodsell gave the customary reading of the Declaration of Independence. After which Mr. Axford called the Roll of Signers and their descendants rose to be recognized.

The meeting was then adjourned following the benediction.

Respectfully submitted



Hope Middleton Wood  
Secretary-General



May 17, 1975

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

#1054 Mary Louise Hartje Rambach John Hart  
 (Mrs. Raymond Rambach)  
 52 Seven Star Lane, Concord, Mass., 01742

DEATHS

#943 John Burke Eddy Thomas Jefferson  
 Died 8-20-74

#599 Crosby Morton Black, Jr. John Morton  
 Died 12-9-74

#290 Ellen Nixon Park Robert Morris  
 (Mrs. Richard G. Park) Died 1-12-75

#1219 Stephen Van Rensselaer Strong Philip Livingston  
 Died 2-12-75

#1397 Benjamin Rush Benjamin Rush  
 Died 2-21-75

#896 Helen Lee Peabody Charles Carroll of Carrollton  
 (Mrs. Robert Swain Peabody)  
 Date of death unknown

May the souls of these members and all others who have departed this life,  
 rest in thy Heavenly Kingdom, now and forever.

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Analysis of Registrar-General's Report

The following signers are represented by new members as shown:

<u>SIGNER</u>	<u># OF NEW MEMBERS:</u>		
Carter Braxton	3		
Benjamin Harrison	1		
John Hart	1		
Thomas Heyward, Jr.	3		
Francis Lewis	1		
Arthur Middleton	3		
John Morton	1		
Thomas Nelson	5		
	<u>18</u>		
Members with 2 Signers	3-		
	<u>15</u>		
		<u>NEW</u>	<u>TOTALS:</u>
		Seniors	618 February 1975 Report
			15+ New
			<u>633</u>
			6- Deaths
			<u>627</u>
		Juniors	264 February 1975 Report
			3+ New
			<u>267</u>

Respectfully submitted,

*Barbara M. Kallfleiter*  
 Registrar-General

DESCENDANTS OF THE SIGNERS OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, INC.

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the Period 5/1/74 to 4/30/75

REVENUES:

Dues and Fees			\$4,572.00
Interest	- General Fund	\$160.16	
	Yearbook Fund	88.17	
	Scholarship Fund	990.22	
	Bi-Centennial Fund	<u>200.98</u>	1,439.53
Contributions	- Scholarship Fund	\$ 230.00	
	Bi-Centennial Fund	<u>2,248.50</u>	2,478.50
Miscellaneous			<u>2.00</u>
Total Revenues			<u>\$8,492.03</u>

EXPENDITURES:

Meetings - Philadelphia 1974	- Expense	\$1,057.30		
	Income	<u>996.00</u>	\$ 61.30	
Winston-Salem 1974	- Expense	\$842.25		
	Income	<u>913.50</u>	(71.25)	
Morristown 1975	- Expense	\$730.39		
	Income	<u>565.00</u>	<u>165.39</u>	\$ 155.44
Printing				1,731.98
Postage				423.45
Certificates				220.05
Scholarship				900.00
Contributions				95.00
Bulletin				289.34
Yearbook				400.48
Bi-Centennial Plaque				<u>2,000.00</u>
Total Expenditures				<u>\$6,215.74</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES				<u>\$2,276.29</u>

Fund Balances as of April 30, 1975

	<u>General</u>	<u>Yearbook</u>	<u>Scholarship</u>	<u>Bi-Cen.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance as of 4/30/74	\$8,642.74	\$ 190.54	\$16,703.80	\$2,028.00	\$27,565.08
Increase or (decrease)	<u>(4.62)</u>	<u>1,511.21</u>	<u>320.22</u>	<u>449.48</u>	<u>2,276.29</u>
Balance as of 4/30/75	<u>\$8,638.12</u>	<u>\$1,701.75</u>	<u>\$17,024.02</u>	<u>\$2,477.48</u>	<u>\$29,841.37</u>

FUND ASSETS:

Checking Account	\$5,547.51	-	\$ 50.00	\$(1,637.00)	\$ 3,960.51
Savings Accounts	3,090.61	\$1,701.75	6,974.02	115.15	11,881.53
Bank Certificate	-	-	-	3,999.33	3,999.33
Utility Bond	-	-	10,000.00	-	10,000.00
Total Assets	<u>\$8,638.12</u>	<u>\$1,701.75</u>	<u>\$17,024.02</u>	<u>\$ 2,477.48</u>	<u>\$29,841.37</u>

Under date of 21 Feb., 1975, notice was received from the Internal Revenue Service that the result of their examination of our return Form 990 for the period ended 4/30/74 was as follows:

They will continue to recognize our organization as tax-exempt.  
There is no change in our tax liability status.

*James Paul Hopkinson*  
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Treasurer-General

May 14, 1975